SI. No.	Name of State / UT	No. of Schools covered in 1987-88	No. of Schools covered in 1988-89*
11.	Maharashtra	6723	_____
12.	Manipur	541	954
13.	Meghalaya	766	—
14.	Nagaland	311	370
15.	Orissa	7377	8109
16.	Punjab	4737	—
17.	Rajasthan	12187	5011
18.	Sikkim	509	—
19.	Timil Nadu	5995	8212
20.	Tripura	421	—
21.	Uttar Pradesh	18924	20509
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	353	244
23.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17	—
24.	Delhi	668	—
25.	Goa	169	265
26.	Lakshadweep	19	—
27.	Mizoram	166	—
28.	Pondicherry	—	243
29.	Daman & Diu	—	32
30.	West Bengal	—	11139
	TOTAL	113417	98089

" The figures given referred to sanctions by state level empowered Committees.

Hovercraft Transport System Between Calcutta and Haldia

1537. SMT. SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

fa) whether it is proposed to introduce the Hovercraft transport system between Calcutta and Haldia port to overcome the difficulties posed by the present transport system between these two places;

(b) if so? -by when the system is proposed to be introduced;

(c) whether there are any plans to introduce the Hovercraft system in any other part of the country so as to solve the present transport problems caused by traffic congestion, etc.; and

(d) if not, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):($_a$) and (b) Central Inland Water Transport Corporation has made a proposal to introduce hovercraft service between Calcutta and Haldia.

(c) and (d) Government has given permission to two private companies for acquisition of two hovercrafts each for operation between Bhavnagar and Surat and *vice-versa.* These companies are yet to acquire these hovercrafts.